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2016 AIA UK
Excellence In
Design Awards
Programme

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Award
Categories

Professional
Young Architect
Student

Submission
Deadline

Thursday, 24 March,
2016 @ 17:00

Winners will be
announced on 18th April 2016
@ Design Awards Gala
Institute of Contemporary Art



The 2016 AIA UK Chapter Excellence in Design Awards Programme Summary:

Submission and entry fee deadline:

By 17:00, Thursday, 24 March 2016

Design Awards Gala: Monday, 18 April, 2016

Institute of Contemporary Art

The awards programme recognises and honors excellence in design in three categories: Professional, Young Architect, and Student

The American Institute of Architects UK Chapter is pleased to announce its 2016 Excellence in Design Awards Programme. For over 20 years, these awards have proven highly valued by architects as they confer trans-Atlantic recognition for design excellence. **Professional** entries are sought from architects, industrial designers, urban planners, landscape architects and interior designers based in Britain, and from around the world for completed projects in the UK. In past years this broad mix has resulted in winning projects from, among others, Haworth Tompkins, David Chipperfield Architects, Sauerbruch Hutton, Rick Mather Architects, Zaha Hadid Architects, Ian Simpson Architects, Wilkinson Eyre Architects, Edwin Cullinan, Allies & Morrison Architects, Rogers Stirk Harbour & Partners, Grimshaw Architects, Eric Parry Architects and Eva Jiricna Architects.

For the second year, the AIA UK will additionally seek projects completed by young, emerging firms, with design principals under 40 years of age, as a separate category. The **Young Architect** award(s) will recognize completed projects displaying design excellence by a new generation, encouraging and rewarding work that may sometimes get overlooked by larger, more established firms.

In parallel with the Professional and Young Architect awards, the Chapter recognizes future talent through the Noel Hill Student Travel Awards Programme. Entries are sought from **Students** currently enrolled in UK universities for a portfolio of their work. Further information on the student awards programme can be found at www.aiauk.org.

Eligibility requirements:

- UK-based architects or designers, for projects anywhere in the world
- Architects or designers anywhere in the world, for projects completed in the UK
- Students of architecture currently enrolled in UK Universities, including US students involved in foreign exchange programmes in the UK.

Professional and Young Architect applicant guidelines:

- Eligible projects may be buildings or structures or groups of either. Projects need not be limited to new-build. Refurbishments, interior designs, designs for monuments and urban design / master planning projects, product and industrial design work are also all welcome.
- Projects must be the work of registered or licensed architects, and construction must have been completed between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2015. In the case of urban design / master planning projects only, un-built work undertaken within this period will also be eligible.
- Eligibility is at the sole discretion of the Jury. The Jury reserves the right to make as many awards as they see fit.

Participants must not contact the jury regarding their submissions.

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Submission Instructions:

The intent of these specifications is not to restrict entrants to a rigid format, but to provide Jurors with comparable, comprehensive and easily handled materials for review that will aid in organisation and distribution of the work.

The Jury's decisions will be based solely on the materials submitted, and judged anonymously. The name of the architect or practice must NOT appear on the Project Sheet or supporting documents, but will be recorded from the email contact and identified using a unique 5-digit code provided by each applicant.

All submissions must conform to the following conditions:

- A. **A4 format PDF, less than 10MB.** The jury will first review a single printed Project Sheet from each entry, double-sided.

The front-side will provide evidence of design excellence through a photo(s), sketch(s), word(s) or other inspirational illustration(s) to capture the jury's attention and imagination.

The back-side outline description will fill out the details of the project, providing context for the design, background supporting why the design proves exceptional and deserving of recognition, or other important details essential to appreciating the excellence therein. Using both text and images as desired, it must convey to the jury the entire design process, explaining the solution, construction materials, building components, energy strategy, start and completion dates, or other appropriate information.

The design of the Project Sheet is entire determined by the applicant. However, in the UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER of the BACK-SIDE, each entry must contain a **unique 5-digit letter-number combination** created at random by the applicant for identification purposes by the jury, as the review process is completely anonymous.

- B. 3-4 Supplemental A4 sheets may be included to amplify the design and further illustrate the concept. The jury will review these to more deeply understand the intricacy and complexity of the design solution. This may include photographs of the project's exterior and interior, areal photos of the building context, sketches, architectural drawings or renderings. For restoration projects, at least three photographs of the original structure should be provided.
- C. A £90 online entry fee payment to AIA UK for each Professional entry.
A £70 online entry fee payment to AIA UK for each Young Architect entry.
No fee for students
- D. Noel Hill Student Travel Award submission requirements: max one A4 sheet with description of the project proposal. Supplemental max 3 A4 sheets with sketches or photos may be included to amplify the proposal and illustrate the project.
- E. All entries should be emailed to ***vicepresident@aiauk.org***. Please include in the email message the firm name as you would like it to appear on an award certificate and preferred contact name and details.

Entry Fee:

Eligible architects, designers or groups thereof may submit an unlimited number of entries; each entry must be submitted separately with a non-refundable fee of £90.00 for Professional entries, £70.00 for Young Architect. Payment should be submitted to AIA UK online via Paypal using the link found at ***www.aiauk.org***. Confirmation receipt of payment will be provided by email by a chapter executive.

- Entry fees can only be accepted in Pounds Sterling.

- Valid entries must be received by **17:00 on Thursday, 24 March 2016**.

- No late or incomplete entries will be accepted.

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Notices:

Award Notification and Image Use:

Following the Jury's selections, winners will be contacted and invited to attend the Excellence in Design Awards Gala at the Institute of Contemporary Art. Awards recipients may be asked to provide additional images and information for display and exhibition purposes for the Awards Ceremony. The AIA UK will promote the results of the Awards Programme internationally. By virtue of entering the awards, entrants agree to grant the organisers a license to reproduce any material for the purpose of publicising the awards, provided that the author's name is credited and that the organisers take reasonable steps to ensure that such credit is given.

The AIA UK

The First International Chapter:

The American Institute of Architects (AIA), established for over 150 years and representing more than 83,000 members worldwide, is the most influential voice for the architectural community in the United States. Through its growing number of international members and chapters, the AIA is gaining influence throughout the global architectural community.

In 1990, a group of American architects living and working in the United Kingdom came together to establish a local chapter in London and in 1992, the AIA UK officially became the first international chapter of the AIA. The chapter currently has over 200 members throughout the country representing practices of all sizes. What began primarily as a social vehicle soon grew into a professional organization actively participating in the larger architectural community. The AIA UK Chapter has maintained a dialogue with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and works jointly with its members to promote architecture and the architectural profession. Many of the chapter's members are also members of the RIBA. Each year, the chapter organizes a variety of programs, many of which provide continuing education units required by most US and UK registered architects.

These programs include: lectures, presentations by consultants, open house evenings at member firms, panel discussions on practice issues, building tours, and professional development for all stages of an architect's career. Among these events, two in particular deserve special mention: the annual AIA UK Excellence in Design Awards Program and the annual Student Design Charrette.

If you would like any additional information on the American Institute of Architects, or if you are interested in joining AIA UK Chapter, please contact the chapter by email (chapterexecutive@aiauk.org) or visit our website at www.aiauk.org.